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oBEY MEASURE INCLUDES INCENTIVES TO REDUCE the NEED FOR ABORTIONS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Education has included a package of incentives in the FY2008 Labor, Health, and Education Appropriations measure designed to reduce the need for abortions in our country by alleviating the economic pressures and other real life conditions that can sometimes cause women to decide not to carry their pregnancies to term. The bill passed the House today by a vote of 276 to 140.

“Whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, we should all agree on the common goal of reducing the number of unintended pregnancies and the need for abortions,” said Obey. “That’s why, instead of lecturing, we provide a \$1.4 billion package of incentives to discourage

abortions by providing real world help to women through expanded Head Start, Child Care, Domestic Violence Programs, Maternal and Child Health Care, Family Planning and Abstinence Programs.â€

Obey noted that the House Labor, Health, Education measure includes increased funding for:

- Prevention programs, to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, including:
 - Abstinence education programs.
 - Family planning programs.
 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grants â€ a new Program at CDC â€ to support medically accurate, age-appropriate approaches to preventing teen pregnancies that include information about both abstinence and contraception.

- Support programs, to help meet the needs of women in difficult circumstances who may be deciding whether they are in a position to raise a child, as well as the needs of new parents caring for their families, including:
 - The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.
 - The Healthy Start program, which provides health care for mothers and infants.
 - The Community Services Block Grant, which finances family support services.
 - The Child Care Development Block Grant.
 - Child care assistance and After-school programs.
 - Domestic violence prevention programs.

- Adoption awareness programs.
- The Head Start program.

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